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August 15, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
455-12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: Ultra-Wideband
ET Docket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on ultra-wideband radio (UWB). The City of Leesburg and the Leesburg Fire Department are researching and implementing the highest technology available. My position is responsible for research and implementation of technological advancements within the Leesburg Fire Department. Our organization services approximately 17,000 residents with Fire and BLS first response services along with a Special Operations team to handle specialized emergencies.

Ultrawideband technology could be used on fireground situations for communications freeing up channels and dispatchers for other emergencies. Ultrawideband radar could be utilized along with thermal imaging cameras for location of victims trapped in fire and emergency incidents.

The Leesburg Fire Department is urging the Federal Communication Commission to act promptly in making a positive decision within a timely manner that will allow Ultrawideband technology to move forward allowing the public and private sector to take full advantage of the benefits that this technology has to offer.

Once again, the Leesburg Fire Department is asking for the Federal Communications Commission to act and rule in favor of use and implementation of UWB technology.

Sincerely,

Geoff Beyer
Deputy Fire Chief

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